

The Honorable Judge Benjamin A. Settle

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DIVISION OF WASHINGTON**

CLINT DIDIER, LISA THOMAS, TIM)	NO. 3:20-cv-5408
EYMAN, LAWANDA JOY HATCH,)	
DEAN WELLSFRY, PATTY DETRO,)	DECLARATION OF
and JASON BERNICA, and OTHER)	JASON BERNICA
NONESSENTIAL WASHINGTONIANS)	
SIMILARLY SITUATED,)	
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)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
JAY INSLEE, in his capacity as Governor)	
of the state of Washington,)	
)	
Defendant,)	

DECLARATION OF JASON BERNICA

I, Jason Bernica, a plaintiff named in this case, on oath and subject to the laws of perjury in the state of Washington, being over 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth herein, now declare as follows:

DECLARATION OF JASON BERNICA
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1. I am the owner of a new car auto dealership located in Okanogan County, Washington, This lock down hasn't only affected my business and my families livelihood but the livelihoods of my employees and their families as I had to lay off over 90% of my employees.

2. By shutting down car dealers in Washington State from any Auto and RV sales, and then only allowing “essential Auto sales”, the end of RV sales created losses in just one month long that were so severe we were very close to having to shut down the stores completely.

3. To tell countless customers when receiving phone calls that they were not “essential” was simply wrong. When did it come to the point that any American is not “essential”? And when hearing that the Idaho dealers were having record months because Washingtonians were forced to go out of state to buy a car, losing was bad enough without have to watch them receiving the trophy; the decision between what Idaho did compared to what Inslee did just rubbed salt in the wound.

4. I always remember hearing as a kid and as an adult “The land of the free”, but unfortunately it just does not feel that way anymore. I am a small business owner that relies on monthly business, month in and month out as well as most small businesses, and our employees. I run a good business and am always here for my employees and our community. We're not Boeing, Amazon, Microsoft, or any other large corporation that has been able to operate; we are a small family business that has

My commission expires: _____

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